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When crises arise, when difficulties and dangers press upon the people, they are slow to display their interest in and to sacrifice themselves for the principles of the republic. Beneath a careless exterior beats the great loyal heart of the American people, ever ready to sympathize with and to help the oppressed and the weak, ever eager for opportunities to enlarge the sphere of American usefulness and influence and beneficial power.

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There is a time of sadness in the ceremonies of the day. The "yellow danger" phantasm, as well as in a local and specific application. In pursuance of those rights Americans have carried the banner of civilization into the east, have sought to set up there the standard of right living, have engaged in religious and legitimate commercial enterprises, in the hope of uniting China with the rest of the world in bonds of understanding and trust.

A Travesty at Kansas City.
Surely there are many democrats who do not expect the country to take their party seriously this year. It looks very much indeed as if some of them might be laboring under the impression that the country is going back to first principles. They are recalling the fathers, and their courageous and noble beginnings. They want to set the country back into the true pathway. This must be done, they assert, or ruin is just ahead.

The office of Vice President is one of great possibilities in our affairs. In the days of the fathers it was filled by great men. It deserves at all times to be filled with respect to what would devolve upon an incumbent in case he should be called by accident to first place. And yet, what do we see at Kansas City? The nomination for this office is being made sport of by a lot of small fry politicians. A canvass of nobodies is in progress, and they are either refusing the use of their names, or else are helping along the game for the humiliation of men who are worthy of the honor.

Does this look like anxiety for the preservation of the Union? Nero fiddled while Rome was burning. If it is conceded that the republic is in danger, shall we seek assistance from those who in the hour of peril are cutting their throats? Is it inspiring at such a time to see a man like Croker and Croker playing stunts against a man like David B. Hill? Can we believe that men who have nothing better to offer in such an emergency are capable of a correct or sensible judgment as to the course to be pursued? Are they not better appraised as mountebanks who are more concerned about individual advantage than about the public welfare? Certain it is that if the republic is in danger, and these men are its only sword and shield, no power on earth can save it.

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The World's Duty.
Apprehension for the safety of the foreigners in Pekin has grown with each day since the stoppage of communication, and credence is readily given to the statements which now come from Shanghai that all of the ministers and their proteges have been killed. The death of Von Ketteler, the diplomatic colony unless the allies could force a relief party through to the capital. The situation has been desperate for every white person in Pekin for many days.

If this wholesale slaughter has happened China has earned the most terrible punishment. The whole civilized world responds to the sentiments uttered by Emperor William. His grievance against China, it is only too apparent, is shared by every other sovereign and ruler, and the duty of the hour is imperative.

Whereas at the outset the mission of the powers was merely to protect the foreigners from the violence of mobs and undisciplined soldiery. It now is to sweep away the China of the past and to create a new China, in punishment for the crimes committed and in judicious provision for the future. This new China need not be a

scattered series of provinces or colonies under distinct foreign jurisdiction. A Chinese government can assuredly be formed capable of preserving a certain degree of autonomy, yet responsible to the powers for its good conduct and for the safety of foreigners living within its borders.

The issue is now made up. It is between chaotic China and the rest of the world. It is between the chaos which will be a falling, any turning back. The honor and prestige and self-respect of every nation are involved in this emergency. To weaken now, in the face of the Chinese opposition, to grant the demands of the reactionaries under Prince Tuan, to withdraw the allied forces after a feeble campaign, to leave the missionaries and the ministers to their death and to leave unavenged the murder of those already slain would be disastrous.

It matters not whether China has declared war upon the powers or the powers have precipitated a state of war by their advance. A condition has arisen like that caused when a mad dog breaks into a crowded street and begins to bite on all sides. The dog must be killed, without formalities or preliminaries. China under the leadership of Prince Tuan is a menace to the world. In the good work, the necessary work of regeneration and reform, the United States may well, by reason of its position and its interests, take a foremost part and every true American will feel proud if when the result is achieved it be found that American influence has proved a potent factor.

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susceptible of argument he will not consent to exert himself so greatly in pursuance of his contract. The municipality now, for the first time, collects at public expense all the other wastes. With a proper degree of co-operation between the people and the collectors Washington will soon realize an ideal condition of cleanliness and comfort in this important branch of municipal housekeeping.

When the day is done the sound, unharmed youngster may find it in his heart to bless the District Commissioners for restricting the size of the freerackers, however he may have felt in the thick of the fray.

Washington sympathized with the stolid devotion of the Red Men today to the traditions of their tribe which require the wearing of feathers and skins as regalia, regardless of the temperature.

Mr. Astor's way may seem a trifle severe, but the unbidden guest usually takes the chances, or anything else lying round loose. A host now and then ought to have a little nerve.

SHOOTING STARS.
Generosity.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "politicians are real unselfish people, aren't they?"

"They don't enjoy any such reputation," "Then they are misunderstood. I never saw anything like the way one side gets up and warns the other that it is making a mistake in its candidate and its platform instead of letting it rush on to disaster and defeat. It is positively noble."

Its Purpose.
"Yes, sir," exclaimed the earnest man, "there's a fortune in it—a fortune, sure."

"In what?"
"A new patent medicine of mine."

"Why, to make money with?"
"But what is it expected to cure?"
"Oh, excuse me. I understand you now. To tell you the honest truth, it isn't expected to cure much of anything except poverty."

A July 4 Psalmist.
There's something wrong about our sphere, As wrong as wrong can be; With ice and frost so sadly dear And noise so foodly free.

Wouldn't Say "Fireworks."
"I dunno when I've seen so many pyrotechnics on a Fourth o' July," said Meandering Mike.

"Why don't ye say 'deworks' demanded Plooding Pete.

"Because I prides meself on a command of language which enables me to put 'ings' in de most elegant manner. De last half o' de word you mention is too disagreeable to be employed when you kin find a substitute."

Not Indifferent.
"You don't seem to be taking much interest in the party platform. I am afraid you don't recognize its true importance."

"There you misjudge me," answered Senator Sorghum, seriously. "I recognize its importance thoroughly. Why, sir, the sentiments expressed in the platform are what get about all the votes that don't have to be paid for."

The Glorious Fourth.
"Tis here, 'tis here, the glorious day! The day of tumult and display. The day when all with patriot zeal, Try to express just what they feel, In gratitude for what was done, Back in the days of Washington."

The pin-wheel whirled, the rocket rocks Across the sky in crazy lines. The whistling boom our senses shocks, The night is lit with strange designs; The glittering monsters now discerned, Make us suspect amidst our mirth, The Milky way is overturned, And showers its splendors o'er the earth. There comes a wild delicious glee; And though some grim folk hesitate E'en they, ere night grows old, you'll see Wildly intent to celebrate.

So bring your rocket and your squib, And things described in phrases glib By fireworks men who advertise. We'll blow him in blazing skies, We'll light him up with strange designs, In gay rejoicing with the crowd, And then we'll feel the usual doubt And ask what we rejoice about. They leave no thoughts when all is done Of liberty and Washington. The childish trifles of display Beft our Independence day.

United States as an Investing Nation.
From the Chicago Tribune.

The position of the United States as an investing nation is shown in striking fashion by the placing of German municipal bonds on sale in New York on Monday. During the last two years the United States has taken an increasing interest in the investments of gold for investment as well as in payment of interest charges. Money is more plentiful in the United States than in any other country. There is a lower rate of interest here. The rate for money is less in New York and Chicago than in any European capital. The only one with which comparison is possible is London, where the quotations are less for long loans, although the advantage is in the United States in loans for short periods and for demand money. There is talk of American investment of capital in Europe in manufacturing industries, and some concerns have been expressed that the United States is likely to see the twentieth century is likely to see the United States take first rank as the great investing nation of the world, the only respect in which it is now excelled, as it is now the greatest in the production of every kind and according to Mulhall's latest figures, the most wealthy.

Big Armies Not Always Effective.
From the Chicago Journal.

Russia has a standing army of something like a billion, in the excited imaginations of her rivals; and yet she is having considerable trouble in performing even her share of the work of restoring order in China. After all, big armies do not cut such a figure in working out as they do in theory. We talk of this or that power being able to hurl an enormous number of fighting men upon a foe; but when the time for hurling comes it is considerable of a proposition to move a few thousand men, let alone millions of Chinese millions overrunning Europe, overlooking again the little matter of transportation.

Transportation, or the difficulty of it, seems to be the check that nature has put upon her human animals, to prevent them from exterminating the race. The check system runs all through nature. Evidence of it may be seen in China today.

The Right Man for the Place.
From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

It would be hard to find a man whose appointment to command the American troops in China will give more general satisfaction than General Chaffee. He is every inch a soldier, and the type of a man the rank and file admire, and will follow anywhere. He is every inch a soldier, and the type of a man the rank and file admire, and will follow anywhere. He is every inch a soldier, and the type of a man the rank and file admire, and will follow anywhere.

Chinese Boxers and Tripoli Pirates.
From the Milwaukee Wisconsin.

From the time when the United States sent a naval force to suppress the pirates of Tripoli it has been the policy of the federal government to exert a police surveillance over foreign lands, when necessary, for the protection of American citizens engaged in lawful commerce. He is every inch a soldier, and the type of a man the rank and file admire, and will follow anywhere.

Our Annual Remnant Sale!
Starts tomorrow.

It is always an event that brings great crowds, so it is absolutely necessary for you to be early if you want to share in the bargains.

Mattings.
All our remnants of 12½c, 25c, 40c, and 45c. Mattings, 5c. yard.

Not more than 20 yards to any one customer.

Oilcloth.
All our remnants of 25c, 35c, 50c, and 75c. Oilcloth, 10c. yard.

Not more than 20 yards to any one customer.

House & Herrmann,
901-903 Seventh St., Corner of I (Eye) St.

3 "Business Boomers:"
Screen Doors, 85c. Cherry Seeders, 40c. Vegetable Slicers, \$1.50.

John B. Espey, Hardware, myl-3m.15, 1010 Pa. ave.

If You're Fond Of Mint Julep

—put a bottle or two of "Metropolitan Club" Mint Julep in your "grip" when you go away—far superior to any freshly prepared in restaurants.

QUART BOTTLES, only.....\$1.25
"SIXES," only.....75c.

JOHN H. MAGRUDER, Fine Groceries, COR. CONN. AVE. AND M ST. Jy4-w.7m.25

IF BABY SUFFERS

with cold, itching, skin-itching or prickly heat—powder the little one with EVANS' TALCUM POWDER. Cures all skin troubles, soothes, cools, keeps the skin soft, clear and healthy. Plain and perfumed, 10c. can, 3 for 25c., at druggists and health stores.

Evans' Drug Store, Wholesale and Retail, Jy4-16d, 922-924 F STREET.

"JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW ME"

—seated at one of those lovely Huntington Pianos and enjoying its pure tones as your heart's content. Paderewski just purchased a Huntington and we have his letter to that effect. We have a few slightly used Huntingtons at \$175 cash.

DROOP'S MUSIC HOUSE, 925 Penna. Avenue. Jy4-20d

Claret, 49c. ½ gal.

TO-KALON Wine Co., 614 14th St. Jy4-20d

Made to Measure Screens, \$1.

—TO FIT ANY WINDOW. Send postal request and we will take measure. 25 FEET BEST HOSE with nozzle, complete.....\$2.50

Josiah R. Bailey, 820 7th. THE BAILEY SAW-WARRANTED. Jy4-14d

Palm Oil Soap

—An excellent soap for both hot and cold water. Cleanses the skin soft, clear and healthy. Has the natural violet color of palm oil. 25c. cake, 25c. box. 10 cakes, \$2.50.

3 Cakes for 25c.

W. S. THOMPSON, PHARMACEUT, 703 15TH STREET. Jy4-20d

SUIT CASES.

We're selling the same famous 24-in. Cowhide Dress Suit Case, with steel frame, which others offer at \$60.00. 27 Trunks repaired. Free postal.

KNEESSI, 425 7th. Jy4-25d, Phone 1734-2.

Have You Heard of "Lythite?"

FOR PAINTING anything out of doors. Cheap and serviceable. Mix it with water. 10c. lb. Only. J. T. WALKER 8038, 204 10TH ST. Phone 741. Branch Store at 1302 N. J. ave. Jy5-12d

RIPAN'S

Wanted—a case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-S will not benefit. One gives relief. No matter what the matter, one gets good. A cure may be found if directions are followed. They banish pain, induce sleep, prolong life. Sold at all drug stores, and for 50c. Be sure to get the genuine. Don't be fooled by substitutes. Ten samples and a thousand testimonials mailed free. Send 5c. for a trial of five cents, forwarded to the Ripan Chemical Company, No. 18 Spruce St., New York.

ACETYLENE OF THE LIGHT. Most brilliant and economical light made. Daily burning. LEON LIGHTING CO. Large or small quantities. Absolute safety guaranteed. Jy5-2m-4

S. Kann, Sons & Co. The Busy Corner.

Three Days of Continued Jubilation

The Fourth of July Zenith Mark of Summer Selling.

Now come the days of prices with no profits, and oftener, prices which barely edge on to cost! It's your time—we're through with summer and light stuffs. Thinking of next fall. Buying already. Early? Maybe so, but there's choosing now and surety of having the new before other stores have bought. But that's the other story. Its telling comes later on. Selling, not buying, is the concerning motive of these days.

Three Days' Sale in Laces and Embroideries.

Machine-made Torchon Laces and Insertings, assorted patterns, all match sets, one to four inches wide. Sale price, per yard, 23½c.

Three Days' Sale in Wash Goods.

Choice selection of Printed Engadines, Swiss, Yard-wide Batiste, the quality is extra fine and the designs extra rare. Qualities that have brought 15c. and 20c. readily. Sale price.....12½c.

Three Days' Sale in Domestics.

100 pieces of Zephyr Dress Gingham, in colors and styles that will just suit your fancy. The price is special for this sale....5c.

Three Days' Sale in Remnants.

One-yard wide Fruit of the Loom, Wamsutta, New York Mills, Dwight Anchor and Utica Bleached Muslin—you'll find all very desirable lengths. Sale price.....5½c.

Three Days' Sale in Silks.

1 lot of 50 pieces of Wash Silk—Jacquard effects—a full line of desirable colorings, including white—goods that we actually had marked 50c. a yard. One of the leaders of this sale.....10c.

Three Days' Sale in Boys' Clothing.

Every Double-breasted Suit, sizes 7 to 16 years, in strictly all-wool chevrons and cassimeres, all thoroughly made, lined with Italian cloth, have seams all stayed, patent bands and buttons, some have double seats, come in pleasing patterns, in light and dark colorings—Vestees, sizes 3 to 9 years, in same materials and blue serges—double-breasted vests, small collars and separate shields. Sold from \$2.98 to \$4.00. Sale price.....\$1.90

Three Days' Sale in Millinery.

New summer styles in Natural Braid Hats—also in black and all the new desirable shapes—values such as you couldn't duplicate for 75c. elsewhere. Sale price.....25c.

Three Days' Sale in White Goods.

1 case of extra fine, sheer quality of India Linen, 40 inches wide—a grade that sells regularly at 18c. per yard. Sale price.....11c.

Three Days' Sale in Linens.

50 dozen extra size heavy weight Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, actual size 28 by 62—readily worth 40c. Sale price.....25c.

Three Days' Sale in Notions.

Best Size Elastic Hose Supporters—double stitched—well made—assorted sizes and colors—per pair, 11c. Nickel Cord Screws for 3c.

Three Days' Sale in Underwear.

Women's Silk and Lisle Jersey Fitting Vests—high neck, long and short sleeves—V-neck, short and long sleeves—pajama tops and ankle length—French band—medium and extra sizes. Usual price, \$1. Sale price.....49c.

Three Days' Sale in Upholsteries.

Tomorrow every yard of 10c. and 12½c. Japanese Gold Cloth Drapery—over 3,000 yards in total—sale price.....5c.

Three Days' Sale in Men's Department.

Balbriggan Drawers—Shirts have all been sold—which accounts for the low price. They are offered our 35c. values—sale price.....19c.

Three Days' Sale in Parasols.

1 lot of Women's All-silk Umbrellas, in blue, red and green—have small imperfections, but they are worth \$3.98. Sale price.....\$1.39

Three days' Sale in Undermuslins.

Children's Short Skirts—made with waists—Skirts extra full and tucked—sizes 1 to 6 years. Sale price.....23c.

Three Days' Sale in Jewelry.

Silvered Lock Chain Bracelets—usual 25c. kind—for 10c.

Three Days' Sale in Toilets.

10c. Tooth Brushes—small lot—each, 5c. Collier's Dentine, 12c.

Three Days' Sale of Ladies' Neckwear.

The balance of our Washable Madras Ties—those neat, dressy ones, in all colors—sold the city over at 10c. each—sale price.....1c.

Three Days' Sale in Hosiery.

Women's Four-thread Lisle Hose—full regular—made—Hermesdorf fast black—Kitchell and Rembrandt white, white tipped heels and toes—50c. value—sale price.....25c.

Three Days' Sale in Handkerchiefs.

Men's and Women's Genuine Japanese All-silk Handkerchiefs—some with borders—regular price, 25 and 35c. each—sale price.....15c.

Three Days' Sale in Women's Apparel.

Women's Fine Four-thread Lisle Socks—choice imported socks, in fancy stripes, patterns, embroidered, etc.—choice of our usual 50c. line—sale price.....25c.

300 very fine guaranteed Taffeta Lingerie, in every leading shade—fully stocked and strap—wrist—stitching most dainty—each—Waters Bathing Socks sold at \$1.50, \$3.15, \$10.00, \$12.49—big lot. Sale price.....\$4.98

25 dozen Striped Percale Shirt Waists—imported—each—Waters Bathing Socks sold at \$1.50, \$3.15, \$10.00, \$12.49—big lot. Sale price.....39c.

18 dozen of our standard 6c. Waists—the style are all right and the making 2.00 each. Sale price.....1.90

25 dozen standard San Rafael Percale Waists that have been 50c. and as much as \$1.10—very dressy styles. Sale price.....50c.

S. Kann, Sons & Co., 8th and Market Space.